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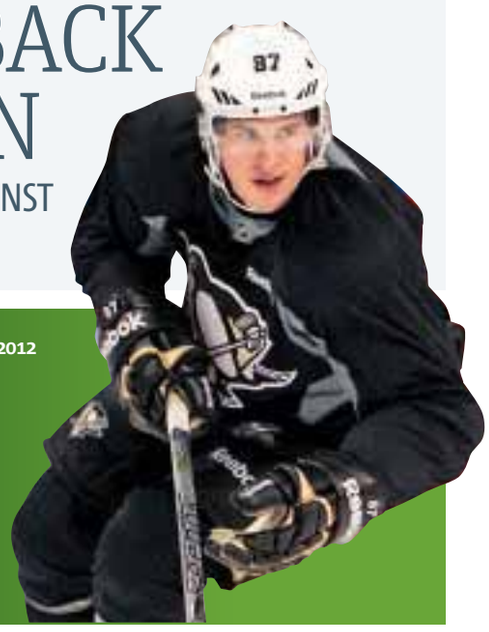

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Darren Yewchyn says Tuesday was the earliest he had ever opened his business. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Sunny skies are here — a month early

Gorgeous day. 'Peggers delighted Tuesday in more warm weather, hoping prediction of 22C for Saturday comes true

T-shirts, hot dog carts, sandals and motorcycles may be an odd sight in the city for early March but that's exactly what Tuesday's 11 C temperature brought.

For a day that began with fender benders all across the city due to a thin layer of water freezing overnight Tuesday, it wasn't long into the morning before Winnipeggers began soaking up the rays.

The warm weather even has a local golf course opening up its driving range on Wednesday.

"We've been getting calls for the last week and a half," said Amy Cerasani, pro shop manager at Shooter's Family Golf Centre. "As soon as it turns sunny, people want to go."

In 2000, Shooter's opened the driving range on March 3, slightly earlier than this year.

But if the weather holds over the next few weeks, the full golf course will open on April 1 — the earliest ever for the course, Cerasani said.

In his 22 years, this is the first time hot dog vendor Darren Yewchyn opened this early in the season.

The owner of Smoke'n Bob's hot dog carts, at 201 Portage Ave., sold 60 to 70 dogs by early afternoon.

However, it was a chaotic commute to work for many drivers in the morning, as icy conditions led to collisions.

By lunchtime, MPI spokesman Brian Smiley said the provincial insurer had more than 500 claims, on pace for 1,000. In contrast, last Tuesday there were 850 claims.

One of the worst accidents occurred at Grant Avenue and Renfrew Street, when a vehicle ended up lodged beneath the back end of a school bus.

No children were on the bus at the time of the crash and police have not reported any injuries. **BERNICE PONTANILLA**

Un-Bear-able Discovery

Discovery Channel has sent extreme outdoorsman Bear Grylls packing PAGE 7

Mad about Mad Men's Manhattan

The city that never sleeps celebrates the return of the popular TV series with salutes to Dan Draper's New York City haunts like the Grand Central Oyster Bar, P.J. Clarke's and the Roosevelt Hotel PAGE 8

Putting Britney in the judge's seat

Singer reconsiders joining Simon Cowell at X-Factor table PAGE 7

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Mobile news

The boyfriend of a fatal car accident victim is using a series of heart-wrenching text messages to warn people not to text and drive. Scan the code for the story.

On the web

Breakin' it down to build 'em back up

What began as a break-dancing lesson has evolved into a "confidence-building class" for students with disabilities. Watch at metronews.ca/video

Winnipeg School Division sees taxes go up almost 8%

School taxes. A tax hike by the largest school division in the province is being criticized for being both too high and too low

The Winnipeg School Division approved a 7.8 per cent hike in school taxes Monday night, which will translate into an additional $76 for a house valued at $150,000.

Kristine Barr, chair of the Winnipeg School Division's finance and personnel committee, said the increase was necessary because the province provided "no new money" this year.

"It's a difficult balancing act," said Barr, adding that the largest expenses in the division are salaries, infrastructure (repairs to older buildings), rising technology costs and 800 new students.

"We believe the budget continues to meet the needs of our students … We have to always weigh the cost with the benefit."

However, according to media reports, one trustee isn't happy with the percentage moving down to 7.8 from the originally proposed 8.3. Mark Wasyliw said $900,000 was saved at the expense of special education.

Lani Zastre, whose son Ajax, 5, is in kindergarten at a WSD elementary, said she's concerned.

"Not every child learns in the same way, so if you cut funding, or limit that more, kids who don't learn in the standard way end up suffering," she said.

"We're fine with paying taxes as long as they're being used properly."

Barr said that even with the increase, homeowners are still paying less for the education side of their property taxes than they did in 2005 — because of the tax credit provided by the government.

Colin Craig, Prairie director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, called the hike "disappointing" because the wages and salaries of homeowners have not increased by 7.8 per cent.

Craig said governments should move away from the school tax system.

"It's a complicated issue but we definitely need reforms," he said. "It's just unsustainable."

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Lani Zastre, with son Ajax, 5, said she doesn't mind paying more school taxes "as long as the services are there."
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Lady Antebellum rocks Winnipeg

Nashville's Lady Antebellum, including Hillary Scott, Charles Kelley and Dave Haywood, was looking for a good time when they stopped by the MTS Centre Tuesday evening on their Own the Night 2012 World Tour.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Trial. Stobbe testifies he feels like porridge under Crown grilling

Accused murderer and former political adviser Mark Stobbe complained that he felt like "porridge" as he faced another day of intense cross-examination about his wife's violent death.

"Here, I feel like Goldilocks' porridge again," Stobbe said as Crown prosecutor Wendy Dawson questioned him about his actions in the days leading up to Beverly Rowbotham's death on Oct. 24, 2000.

The comment appeared to be a dig at Dawson, who since last Friday has been picking apart the various levels of detail Stobbe has provided in statements in the 11 years since the death.

For example, Stobbe told police immediately after his wife's death that he had spent much of the previous weekend doing household chores. But only recently has he mentioned details, such as going into a crawl space with a spray can and putting away a garden hose for the winter.

"Somehow, you're able to recall a lot more detail (now), aren't you?" Dawson asked.

Stobbe replied that he would have provided those details "had I been asked for them at that time."

"I didn't believe they were relevant and (police) didn't ask me any followup questions on those."

The Crown alleges Stobbe killed his wife with a hatchet in the couple's backyard in St. Andrew's, Man., drove her body 15 kilometres to a parking lot in Selkirk, and then bicycled back home to report her missing.

Stobbe told police he fell asleep while his wife went our for a late-night grocery run, and woke up around 2:30 a.m. to find her still gone. Some two hours later, her body was found in the family's sedan.

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Winnipeg Police Service

Consultation postponed for police centres

The Winnipeg Police Service community consultation into the proposed closure of two city police service centres planned for Wednesday night has been postponed indefinitely.

The consultation, announced Monday, was to be held at the Bronx Community Centre so the public could weigh in on the possible shutdown of centres at 1400 Henderson Highway and 1085 St. Mary's Road.

Police said Tuesday a new date and location are being planned, adding the public would be advised well in advance.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Casino fires

Winnipeg man arrested for casino arsons

A man has been arrested after six fires were deliberately set at two Winnipeg casinos.

Winnipeg police said half a dozen fires were set at McPhillips Street Station and Club Regent between Feb. 25 and March 2. Damage was estimated at about $1,600 for five of the fires, and $8,000 for the sixth.

On March 10, Doug Porisky, 49, turned himself in to police.

He has been charged with mischief and six counts of arson — including one charge pertaining to property damage and another to the disregard for human life.

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Outcry

Caribou slaughter perfectly legal: Province

Provincial investigators say the killing of dozens of caribou, decried by Manitoba First Nations groups last week as wasteful and uncalled for, was perfectly legal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hammer blows, yes, but no 'play by play' on alleged rape

Caution: Graphic content. Eight-year-old girl's killer tells a jury of horrifying events that took place in an Ontario farmer's field

Terri-Lynne McClintic has told a jury she's the one who delivered what the Crown alleges were the fatal blows to eight-year-old Victoria Stafford.

McClintic testified Tuesday at Michael Rafferty's first-degree murder trial in London, Ont., and detailed the events surrounding the abduction and death of the little girl.

The Grade 3 student went missing outside her Woodstock, Ont., school on April 8, 2009, and the Crown alleges she died from multiple blows to her head with a hammer the same day.

McClintic told the jury she struck Tori with the hammer "maybe three" times in a farmer's field after a garbage bag was placed over the girl's head.

McClintic, at times wiping tears from her face and taking long pauses, told the court she saw Rafferty attempt to rape the girl before that, but didn't "stay there and watch."

"I can't really give you play-by-play," she said.

McClintic did note that when she took the girl to use the washroom in the field, after Tori had been alone with Rafferty, she noticed blood in the snow.

"I told her I was sorry. She told me just don't let him do it again," McClintic said.

Rafferty has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping. McClintic pleaded guilty in 2010, to first-degree murder and is serving a life sentence.

She told the jury Tuesday Rafferty wanted a "young female, because the younger they were, the easier they were to manipulate."

She told the jury she lured Tori into Rafferty's car with the promise of seeing a puppy. She said while driving on Highway 401 with Tori in the car Rafferty said: "We can't just keep her, but we can't take her back."

McClintic told the jury that when Rafferty said he intended to have sex with the girl she "didn't want to acknowledge that."

"I remember him telling me to look for a spot. I said 'A spot for what?' and he didn't answer me," she said.

Court also heard that Rafferty began masturbating as he pulled the car off a country road, and that once stopped in the field McClintic walked away because she "knew what was going to happen."

"I believed he was going to rape Tori," McClintic said.

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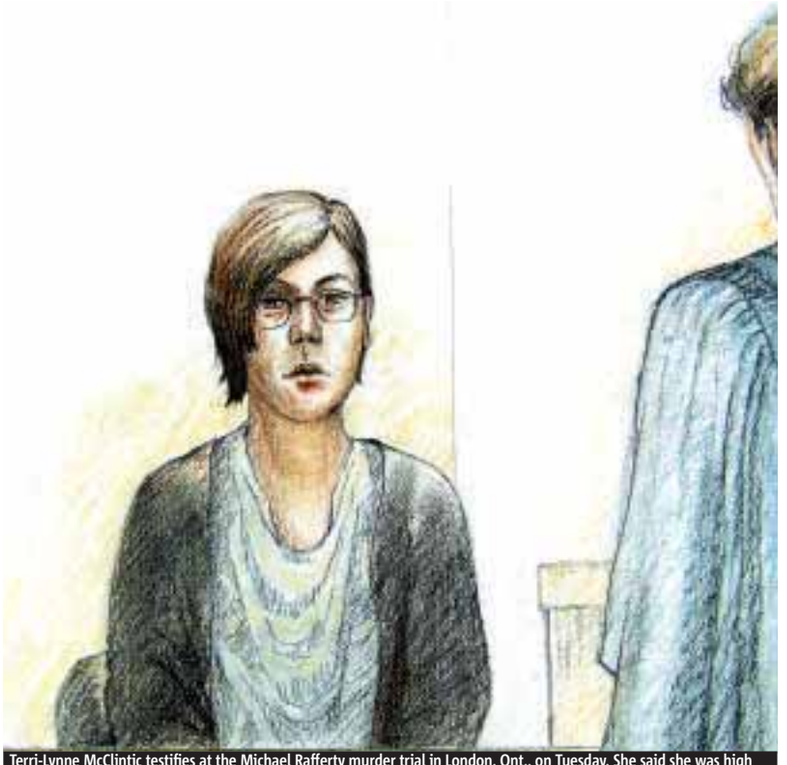
That fateful first meeting

- **Pizza.** Terri-Lynne McClintic and Michael Rafferty met at a pizza shop in February 2009, went for a drive and had sex in his car, she testified.
- **Passion.** "He was somebody I cared for," McClintic said.
- **Sex.** They had sex on three more occasions, including once at a movie theatre.
- **Crime.** McClintic had several convictions for assaults and was wanted by police for parole violation.



Terri-Lynne McClintic testifies at the Michael Rafferty murder trial in London, Ont., on Tuesday. She said she was high on drugs when Rafferty urged her to kidnap a little girl. TAMMY HOY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Italy

Village mayor outlaws death

The mayor says it's illegal to die in Falciano del Massico, a village near Naples in southern Italy. It has no cemetery and is feuding with a nearby town that has one.

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Quebec

Province will soften crime bill

The debate isn't over yet for the Conservative government's criminal justice legislation — at least not in Quebec.

The provincial government announced Tuesday that it will do everything in its power to limit the clout of the legislation that passed a day earlier.

Quebec says it will work to soften Bill C-10 where possible. The provincial minister said he will issue a directive to various players in the justice system to avoid applying the strictest provisions of the crime bill — particularly when it comes to youth offenders.

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Ottawa

Environment up to speed?

Quicker environmental assessments are step closer to reality now that a Commons committee has given the federal government a blueprint for how to streamline lengthy hearings.

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Ottawa

Rae's pledge on robocalls

The Liberal party has given Elections Canada samples of its robocall messages and scripts for live calls to voters during last spring's election campaign

Interim leader Bob Rae says in a letter to the agency that the party has recordings of all its campaign robocalls and will make them available if needed for the investigation into alleged vote-suppression tactics.

And he's calling on the Conservatives to be equally transparent.

Elections Canada is investigating thousands of complaints about fraudulent robocalls.

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U.K. media. Former Murdoch exec arrested in phone-hacking scandal

Former News International executive Rebekah Brooks and her racehorse trainer husband Charlie were arrested Tuesday in dawn raids that also netted four other suspects in the spreading phone hacking scandal.

Police said the six people were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice. The charge is an indication that investigators may be focusing on a possible coverup of the scope of phone hacking rather than the illegal hacking itself.

It was the most arrests in a single day since "Operation Weeting" — as the police investigation into phone hacking is known — began arresting reporters, senior news executives, police officers and others suspected of criminal acts.

The early morning police swoop brought the scandal to Prime Minister David Cameron's immediate social circle. Cameron said at a press conference earlier this month that Charlie Brooks was a longtime friend.

Police said that all but one of the suspects were released on bail Tuesday evening after questioning. The Brookses are believed to be among those released on bail.

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Mirror, mirror on the wall

A new 'magic mirror,' developed by Apache Solutions, allows shoppers to virtually try on clothes without the stress of long lineups or wasted hours at the mall. The mirror itself is a large 88-inch plasma screen that displays 3D catalogue images. METRO WORLD NEWS

Smoking suit

Former tobacco spokesperson testifies

Michel Descoteaux, who headed Imperial Tobacco's public-relations department for more than two decades, said Tuesday that his company was already under fire in the 1960s over the potential health risks of smoking.

Descoteaux was testifying at the start of a landmark class-action suit, the biggest civil trial in Canadian history.

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Hello, fellow cat jugglers.

Of course, it just feels as if we're juggling cats. In reality, we're juggling meetings, unreasonable demands, inboxes, texts, tweets and PowerPoints. Did I mention unreasonable demands?

And if you drop one, it feels just like an unhappy tomcat landing on your face.

Here's some good news: You've already survived the peak cat-juggling moment of the week, which, according to a 2011 British survey of 3,000 employees between 18 and 45 by Michael Page International, is Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

It's all downhill from that point. From there, it's just kitten bouncing.

You might be surprised that it's not Monday, the traditional black cat that curls up in the cubicles of wage slaves. The survey reveals that people aren't really back to work Monday; they're easing themselves back into the saddle, catching up with colleagues about the weekend and ignoring emails and in-baskets.

The trouble is, none of that stuff goes away, and by Tuesday at 10 a.m. the cats start howling.

A good time to go for coffee. Or walk the dog.

Personally, I think Sunday, bloody Sunday, is the most stressful time of the week, particularly Sunday afternoon, which is when you start thinking about what it's going to be like on Tuesday morning. There you are, sharing a gelato with your honey on a fine Sunday afternoon, and it occurs to you that you better get that presentation done by Tuesday at 10 a.m., or the boss will feed you to the tigers.

For a lot of people, every day is a bad day. Three-quarters of the survey respondents are done by 11:16. Every day.

Considering there are still five hours and 45 minutes remaining in the average work day, we have a problem. If the survey is in any way a reflection of reality, three-quarters of us should just put on our coats and go home before noon, and leave the afternoon to those people who are actually working. They may not even notice as you go by, because those tabbies are tough to twirl by their tails and require a lot of attention and dexterity.

(And treats. Don't forget that, if all else fails, cats are easy to bribe with tuna snacks.)

Punch in, check out?

If you believe the survey, one in five should not even bother to turn up in the morning, because they're done by 9 a.m.

If you believe the survey, one in five should not even bother to turn up in the morning, because they're done by 9 a.m. Never mind hump day or TGIF, these people need extended beach therapy, which consists mainly of unregulated access to drinks with little umbrellas.

Plus, when was the last time you saw a cat on the beach?

Are you an office juggler or a cat-napper? GANDINI JUGGLERS/CONTRIBUTED

A lesson from the sky

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25 Palestinians dead

Four-day rocket fire ends in truce

ASHDOD, ISRAEL. Some Israeli school girls take cover next to a bus during a rocket attack from the Gaza Strip, 38 kilometres south of Ashdod.

An Egyptian-brokered truce on Tuesday quelled cross-border fire between Israel and Palestinian militants, which left 25 dead in Gaza and three wounded in Israel.

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Violence ebbs

"Until last night, our house was shaking. The bombing has been terrible because it came out of nowhere. A total surprise, that's the worst part."

Yasmeen El Khoudary, 21, Gaza City-based blogger and activist

Arrow II interceptor

Israel repels 3 out of 4 rockets

DEFENCE. "This was a mini drill," for Iran, claimed one official after Israel managed to absorb some 75 per cent of Palestinian rocket fire over a four-day period, using its Iron Dome missile interceptor system.

The other Arrow II interceptor, so far proven only in trials, has a shoot-down rate of some 90 percent.

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On the lookout in Ashdod. GETTY IMAGES

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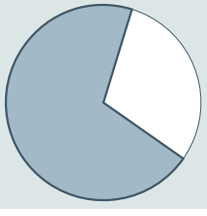

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@MaryinVancity: It's friking snowing in Vancouver!! And it's 12 degrees in Winnipeg! What's wrong with this picture???

@RealBarrington: So did all bets "When pigs fly" get settled up when #Winnipeg police got a helicopter? Hahhaha

@JohnBaert: I've golfed in March in Winnipeg. Just saying maybe we're getting ahead of ourselves a bit here w/ the weather. Hope I'm wrong. #spring

@AngryWinnipeger: #iLikePeopleWho ask if you're ok when you slip on all this ice. #winnipeg

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Changes in the Den

No more Mr. Nice dragon

Another dragon is leaving the Dragons' Den. BC-TV says tech mogul Robert Herjavec will not return to the business-minded series next season. Herjavec is one of the show's original five judges and was considered one of the nice assessors of wannabe titans. He's also the second judge to leave the show in as many years.
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On the Web

Rapper Jay-Z rolls into Texas in the nick of time, brings the hype to South By Southwest

Rooted and Undun

Q & A. Roots drummer Questlove on latest albums, Philly, Jay-Z, Jimmy Fallon and Amy Winehouse

Questlove from The Roots poses for a portrait in New York. CARLO ALLEGRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The Roots aren't known for selling records. While the hip-hop band has released 14 albums — mostly to critical acclaim — only two have managed to crack gold status.

But even though bandleader Questlove might have enjoyed the money that comes along with multiplatinum records, he wouldn't trade the group's rarified position in the music world for it.

"Mostly for black artists, we're really not afforded — unless you're a jazz artist — you're really not afforded the luxury of making an art record, or a concept record, or a passion project," said Questlove, born Ahmir Thompson. "For some strange, odd reason, and I'm not ever going to argue it, The Roots have always (had that luxury)."

And The Roots, the house band for Late Night With Jimmy Fallon since 2009, have had support from high places to maintain that luxury. When Jay-Z was president of Def Jam, he signed The Roots to the label and told them to maintain their sound and integrity, even if it meant fewer sales.

"(Jay-Z) didn't want to be known as the bad guy that killed The Roots," Questlove said. The Roots put out two CDs last year with the Betty Wright-assisted Betty Wright: The Movie and Undun, which debuted at No. 17 on the Billboard charts. Both landed on several critics' best-of-the-year lists.

Jay-Z gave you guys some good advice.

I told Jay, "Like man, that would be nice to have all my records debut at No. 1 and stuff." But he's like, "Yeah, but you're just looking at that. I got to deal with beef with this cat and that cat. Every year some rapper's going to take a potshot and I got to take the gloves out the closet and start training." ... And (Jay-Z) sees me as an artist making my dream come true. Like, he wants to be seen as a true artist, not the richest guy in hip-hop. Meanwhile, I would like 13 zeros in my account.

Undun is about the death of fictional drug dealer Redford Stevens, but the story is told from beginning to end. How did the concept come about?

We wanted to tell his story because we've known a billion Redford Stevens in Philadelphia. Philadelphia has been sort of mired and drenched into a lot of random acts of crime, very un-brotherly like in the last decade or so, and we wanted to show the direct result.

What was your relationship like with Amy Winehouse?

She's such a jazz snob. I couldn't stand it, but I was obsessed with it because once we exchanged information, she would always be on her computer sending me MP3s (like), "Listen to this." ... We spent a lot of time on Skype talking about crazy ideas and she schooled me about Sarah Vaughan. I schooled her about J Dilla. And she was like, "All right, we're going to start a super group. You, me, Mos (Def) and Raphael Saadiq." I was like, "OK." And she assigned homework: "All right, study this record." ... I really miss not having her here to school me on jazz; I thought I was a music snob, and I thought I had my doctorate in jazz, but no. There's so much more I could have learned. She's a teacher.

How has the band grown from being on the Jimmy Fallon show?

Being on the Jimmy Fallon show has introduced a word that has never been in our vocabulary. We've never, ever rehearsed as a band. We never practiced. Shockers, I know. ...So once we come to Fallon, we're now confined to a very tight space, and it's just the eight of us looking at each other, and it's very awkward. ... It's like we didn't know how to play. ... Once we got in a groove, we just practiced a lot. And now we're better musicians, we're better songwriters, we're better engineers, we're better producers. We're just more focused on our songwriting than ever. I wish we had this type of discipline and preparation at the beginning of our career. So I feel like now we're just on our second album.
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On Amy Winehouse

"I really miss not having her here to school me on jazz... There's so much more I could have learned."
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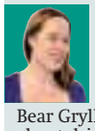

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Bear Grylls has no qualms about drinking his own urine on national television — and this is the thanks he gets?

In shocking news, it was announced yesterday that the Discovery Channel fired the popular hunky outdoorsman from his show Man Vs. Wild, after the network was unable to get Grylls to participate in two unannounced projects he was contracted for, sources tell The Hollywood Reporter.

The British Grylls has been with the Discovery Channel since 2006 and in that time has become an international sensation, channeling the show's popularity into endorsement deals with Dockers and Degree deodorant, as well as numerous book deals, an iPhone app, his own clothing line and a video game.

It's all very strange — of course he should honor his contract but it's hard to believe that the Discovery Channel would just so abruptly fire one of their most successful personalities.

Considering this guy has bitten off the head of a snake to eat for breakfast, you kind of have to wonder what was in that contract that he wouldn't do?

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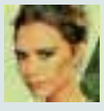

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China builds 30 story hotel in 15 days and my exit on the 405 has been closed for 3 months.

Spears looking at big payday for taking X Factor judge spot

Maybe Britney Spears won't be taking a spot at the X Factor judges' table after all, as the singer has reportedly balked at a $10 million offer from Simon Cowell's singing competition after asking for $20 million, according to Hollywood Life.

But negotiations aren't dead, as Spears reportedly would still be interested if the show could offer an "exit clause," allowing her to bow out after one season if she wanted.

"Money is not an issue for the show. As of now, they are looking to pay her $12 to $15 million for the first season, with a drastic price hike for a second year based on ratings performance," a source says.

"Simon Cowell wants at least a two-year commitment, and Britney wants an out clause if she doesn't want to continue after one year of service."

3 LIFE

From left, clockwise: P.J. Clarke's is name-dropped in Mad Men; P.J. Clarke's bartender Doug Quinn serves up cocktails; P.J. Clarke's is a bustling night spot. TINA FINEBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mad for Manhattan

New York. With anticipation of the return of Mad Men, check out some of Don Draper's favourite haunts

Mad Men fans, it's time for a cocktail.

The return of the AMC show March 25 after a hiatus of a year and a half is cause for celebration, and there's no better place to raise your glass than in Manhattan at one of Don Draper's favourite haunts.

While many of the places name-dropped in Mad Men no longer exist — Lutece, the Stork Club, Toots Shor's — there are plenty that do, among them P.J. Clarke's, the Roosevelt Hotel and Sardi's. Some Manhattan bars, clubs and hotels are even offering packages, drinks or viewing parties to mark the show's return.

Of course, the series is filmed in California, so what you see on TV are well-researched sets, not real Manhattan bars.

But Mad Men fans will not be disappointed by reality: many of the establishments that turn up on the show retain a classy, retro vibe in real life, and can offer a fun, sophisticated setting for drinks or a meal.

Judy Gelman and Peter Zheutlin, authors of The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook, provide A Handy List of Mad Men Haunts in their book along with recipes from them.

"Some of these places just never go out of style, like the Grand Central Oyster Bar," said Zheutlin. "It's such a classic and bustling place."

Mad Men aficionados know the Oyster Bar at the landmark train terminal was not mentioned by name on the show, but it's believed to be the place where Don takes Roger Sterling for a martini-and-oyster lunch.

P.J. Clarke's, at Third Avenue and 55th Street, manages to appeal to a trendy 21st-century sensibility while channelling the classic cool that got the crowd from Mad Men ad agency Sterling Cooper drinking and doing the twist. P.J. Clarke's "was the site of many Mad Men parties," Gelman said.

"I think there might be more scenes set there" than any other bar or restaurant.

According to its real-life bartender, Doug Quinn, P.J. Clarke's "was a joint often frequented by Madison Avenue advertising executives during the 1960s.

"Our bar and restaurant continues to be a destination for this crowd."

The Roosevelt Hotel, 45 E. 45th St. at Madison Avenue, where Don stayed after his wife Betty threw him out, is offering a Mad Men in the City package, starting at $425 a night through June 30, so guests can "experience New York City as Don Draper would," according to Kevin Croke, the hotel's director of sales and marketing.

The package includes accommodations, '60s-era themed cocktails at the hotel's lobby-level Madison Club Lounge or its rooftop bar, called mad46. Guests also get a DVD of the show's fourth season, a copy of The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook," and tickets to the Paley Center for Media at 25 W. 52nd St., where the hotel has reserved a screening booth for viewing ads from the era.

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Party like Mad Men

To celebrate the return of Mad Men after a long 18 months, some Manhattan haunts are hosting parties for fans of the TV series.

- **Event.** The Pierre, a Taj Hotel, at 2 E. 61st St., which in Mad Men housed offices for the Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce firm, will host a party March 27 at its Two E Bar/Lounge in honour of the new season. Fans are invited to dress up in their favourite Mad Men outfits and try cocktails like a creme de menthe grasshopper or a "bikini martini," a gin, schnapps and blue curacao drink created in honour of the character Joan Holloway. The $14 cocktails will be offered Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., along with a no-cover jazz duo.

Travel in brief

Corset factory a historic site

A Quebec City building where corsets were manufactured for almost a century has been added to Canada's official roster of national historic sites. Known as La Fabrique, the four-storey red-brick building in the downtown Saint Roch district was the site of Dominion Corset from 1897 to 1988. The company was among the city's main employers and one of Canada's largest manufacturers of corsets and undergarments.

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Serving tea for the England of 2012

London. Afternoon tea has been a British tradition since 1865, and it's making a comeback — enjoy the extravagance

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News in London

Last week, The Queen took Kate Middleton, Duchess of Cambridge, and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, for high tea on their visit to London department store Fortnum and Mason, a tradition that dates back to 1865 when the Duchess of Bedford called for a selection of snacks halfway between lunch and supper.

But this eccentric and quintessentially British experience is not just enjoying a revival with Duchesses. Afternoon tea so neatly services Britain's new home-baking obsession, the vogue for exotic teas and the compulsion to find ever-more-exciting ways of celebrating baby showers and hen parties that tearooms through London are bursting at the seams. And there's plenty of hot competition for those famous hotels churning out costly teas in two-hour slots from morning until night.

At five-star deluxe Dukes, an award-winning boutique hotel gem tucked down a backstreet of the upmarket St James area, demand from their clients is such that head chef Nigel Mendham has created The Ultimate Afternoon Tea. Served up in a nook of the intimate salon of this country house in the city, or privately in the sumptuous green and pink Perrier-Jouet lounge, this mini banquet marries heirloom tomatoes to Iberico bellota, Royal Beluski Caviar to smoked salmon sandwiches, alba white truffle to Dry aged beef, gold leaf to macaroons and Tahitian vanilla to scones, and then to a flute of Perrier-Jouët Belle Epoque champagne for the princely sum of $300 per head (dukeshotel.com).

At haven The Halkin a new chocolate-themed tea has been introduced, to celebrate the hotel's 20th anniversary. Conceived by award-winning chocolatier, William Curley, the 'Couture Chocolate Tea' adds Chocolate Financier with Passion fruit Curd, Orange and Chocolate Sacher, Sea Salt Caramel and Raspberry Tart to its selection of sweets (halkin.como.bz).

Top or bottom?

- Clotted cream or jam first on your half scone? There are two schools of thought on this from the counties most famous for producing the thick cream. There's no right or wrong, just the Devon method, where the cream is spread first so it can soak into the scone, then followed by jam, and the Cornwall, where jam is spread before cream.

The Perrier-Jouet lounge at Dukes. HANDOUT

Classic afternoon teas

For fashionistas:

The Caramel Room
The Berkeley Hotel

This stylish and fun afternoon tea is inspired by the hottest catwalk trends — diners can expect biscuits, cakes and other sweet treats based on the current fashion season's looks.
the-berkeley.co.uk

For people watching:

The Wolseley

Set in a former showroom for Wolseley cars, this grand café offers a refined afternoon tea. This is a place to see and be seen — it hums from breakfast service until closing time.
thewolseley.com

For a classic experience:

Browns Hotel

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Smoked Salmon makes fine dining easy

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Risotto. This tasty Champagne Shiitake-Salmon dish is elegant enough to impress even the most picky of your dinner guests

This simple but richly decadent risotto studded with thinly sliced shiitake mushrooms and strips of smoked salmon is as fancy as it gets. A generous amount of sparkling wine added throughout the cooking process ensures the experience is sophisticated. Be sure to enjoy the remaining sparkling wine when you serve up this risotto.

Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 1 large onion, diced
- 140 g (5 oz) shiitake mushroom caps, thinly sliced
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) arborio rice
- 550 ml (2 1/4 cups) dry sparkling wine
- 750 ml (3 cups) chicken stock or broth, warmed to a simmer
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground black pepper
- 250 ml (1 cup) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 125 g (4 oz) smoked salmon, cut into thin strips

1 In a skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add onion and shiitakes; sauté for 4 minutes. Add rice and cook, stirring constantly, for 1 minute. Add 250 ml (1 cup) of the wine and cook, stirring constantly, until completely absorbed.

2 Add half of the chicken stock or broth, stir several times, then let simmer until liquid is nearly completely absorbed. Continue adding stock, 125 ml (1/2 cup) at a time and stirring constantly until absorbed between each addition.

3 When all of the stock has been added and absorbed, add another 250 ml (1 cup) of the sparkling wine. Stir until absorbed. The rice should be tender, but still just barely firm at the centre. Stir in cinnamon, salt and pepper. Add cheese and mix until melted and creamy. Adjust seasonings.

4 Remove the pan from heat. Stir in salmon and remaining sparkling wine to serve. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE VISIT, EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

Drink of the Week

Passion-Politan

Bring the passion back to your relationship with the Passion-Politan. This romantic cocktail is just as visually pleasing as it is delicious.

1 Combine ingredients except champagne or sparkling wine in a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake and add sparkling wine, stir and strain into a martini glass. Float the rose petals on top of the cocktail.

- 1 oz SKYY Vodka
- 1.5 oz Passionfruit Liqueur
- 0.75 oz rose syrup (such as Monin)
- 0.5 oz lime juice
- Rosé champagne or rosé sparkling wine
- 1 rose petal

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Do you have the 'it' factor for a job in IT?

Computer can-do. You've secured a degree in information technology. It's time to take on the workforce

DAVE KEIR
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Take down these tips from career expert Dave Keir of IT staffing agency Robert Half Technology on how to get a solid foot in the door of all things desktop.

What's your type?

According to a Robert Half Technology survey of more than 1,800 CIOs in Canada and the U.S., the top 5 most in-demand technical skills are:

1) Network administration
2) Database management
3) Desktop support
4) Windows administration
5) Wireless network management

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Stay positive:

Plain and simple, it is always tough to go through the application and hiring process, so new job seekers should remain positive and optimistic, especially during job interviews. Employers are attracted to positive thinkers.

Be assertive in your job search:

Never stop networking! Utilize online resources like Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn, and find ways to network in person as well. People forget to do this all the time and rely solely on the Internet, but personally reaching out to employers has a timeless effect.

Stay up to date on the latest technology:

Consider continuing education courses, online learning, etc. There are also so many free, online tools to keep your skills current. Doing this shows an employer that you are not only resourceful, but that you are eager and ready to work.

Polish your soft skills:

Employers want someone with great communication skills who is able to work well with anyone.

Always check your ego at the door, and be willing and able to collaborate with others on the team. Job seekers often get so caught up on solely advertising their technological knowledge that they forget to enhance what they themselves can bring to the position as well!

Twitter

@TalentEgg: What advice would you give a tech grad just starting their career?

@ITtechExec
Advice to #tech grad starting #career? Plan/Work Strategy, Invest Personnally to Stay Current on Tech/Biz, Expect to Switch Jobs

@EvanBirtch
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Jets preview

Dallas at Winnipeg
7:30 p.m.
(TSN-Jets)

The Jets (32-29-8) host Dallas (39-26-5), which has won six straight and haven't lost in regulation since Feb. 19 after Tuesday's 1-0 win against Minnesota. Kari Lehtonen had a 1.44 goals-against average and .953 save percentage in four starts this month before the shutout against the Wild. Loui Eriksson has 12 points in his last 10 games. Michael Ryder scored his 30th goal of the season in a 2-0 win over Anaheim on Saturday, the first time he has reached 30 in a season since 2006-07 with Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jets 'eager to get back at it' after four-day break

NHL. Coach Noel says layoff between games has been good for team

Claude Noel says a four-day break was just what his Winnipeg Jets needed before making one final push for the playoffs.

"I think it's good for us," the head coach said Tuesday. "It seems like it's been really busy for us and really constant and the break is actually kind of a welcome ... breath of fresh air for us."

The Jets (32-29-8) badly need a win when they host the Dallas Stars on Wednesday. Two road losses and wins by their competition in the Eastern Conference have seen the team fall to 10th place in the standings.

"There's a lot of need to win," said Noel.

He was feeling confident based on the enthusiasm he saw in practice Monday and Tuesday.

"It should lend itself to be energized in the game tomorrow, especially here at home with the fans," said Noel.

Top-scoring defenceman Dustin Byfuglien was so enthusiastic he broke the glass behind the net at the MTS Iceplex practice facility Tuesday, leaving one of the packed house of spectators with a minor cut on her forehead.

Byfuglien is expected to be in the lineup Wednesday but fellow blue-liner Zach Bogosian is going to be a game-day decision as he recovers from another injury.

The Jets fan-favourite fourth line of Tanner Glass, Jim Slater and Chris Thorburn — the so-called GST line — is also missing its T with Thorburn gone for several games due to injury. Eric Fehr is expected to take his place.

Winnipeg's Ron Hainsey collects the puck in Vancouver last Thursday night. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The Jets are up against a tough opponent in the Stars, who have a 10-0-1 record in their last 11 after Tuesday night's 1-0 win over Minnesota. The Jets have fallen to 5-3-2 in their last 10, thanks to back-to-back losses in Vancouver and Calgary.

Before Tuesday night's games, the Dallas line of Loui Eriksson, Mike Ribeiro and Michael Ryder was the most productive in the NHL in the previous 30 days with a total of 43 points. No one else was even close.

But the Jets have consistently played their best hockey at home with a record of 21-10-4.

Dim Stars?

1-9-2

There is a bright side for the Jets going into Wednesday's game versus Dallas. The Stars are just 1-9-2 on the second day of back-to-back games this season.

Centre Bryan Little says the team is anxious to get back to the MTS Centre and start accumulating points.

"A few days off and you take a look at the standings and you know we've dropped out by a few points," he said. "I think that's the longest we've gone in a long time without playing a game. It seems like forever and I think we're all eager to get back at it."

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Penguins. Crosby returning to team that's already red hot

Sidney Crosby is returning to new linemates and a new role with the NHL's hottest team.

But Pittsburgh Penguins coach Dan Bylsma still expects to see the Crosby of old despite his current 40-game layoff and the 102 games the star forward has missed over two seasons because of concussion-related issues.

Crosby, out since Dec. 5, announced Tuesday he will play Thursday night against the Rangers in New York. The Penguins, riding a nine-game winning streak, are four points behind New York in the race for the top-seed in the Eastern Conference.

What already was a marquee game for the NHL just got even bigger. Much bigger.

"I think it's unrealistic that he's going to step into Madison Square Garden and be the only show on the ice," Bylsma said. "But I know how the guy plays. I know how fast he is going to go. I know what's going to happen when he has the puck with speed. You know how he's going to be able to play down low with the puck, and you expect to see that player step on the ice. That's a really good hockey player. That's the best hockey player in the world."

Penguins centre Evgeni Malkin arguably has been that player with Crosby out, piling up a league-high 84 points. Now, Crosby is coming back at a key point in the season, with 14 games remaining for Pittsburgh and the playoff race still undecided.

"I know Geno is excited to be on the same ice with Sid again," Bylsma said of Malkin. "I still think it's a great challenge for our team. We're not a shoo-in to be a really good team when they all come back."

Crosby admittedly feels better than he did when he returned nearly four months ago after missing the final 41 games of last season and the first 20 games this season. He dazzled the New York Islanders with a two-goal, four point night on Nov. 21, but he didn't have another goal in the other seven games he played before the concussion symptoms returned following a physical Dec. 5 game against Boston.

This time, general manager Ray Shero said, "He feels better than last time and knows what to expect this time."

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Line dancing

For now, Penguins coach Dan Bylsma plans to keep intact his productive top two lines of Chris Kunitz-Evgeni Malkin-James Neal and Steve Sullivan-Jordan Staal-Pascal Dupuis.

- Still, Bylsma plans to put Sidney Crosby and Malkin together at times and also slot Crosby and Staal together, a unit previously unseen. The coach plans to limit Crosby to 14-15 minutes a game.

Tossing a Dart into the fray

Review. Chrysler re-enters the compact sedan battlefield

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

You can thank Giulietta for the soon-to-arrive 2013 Dodge Dart.

No, Giulietta isn't an automotive design studio, corporate executive or even a flavour of ice cream. It's an Alfa Romeo automobile that's the basis for a brand-new four-door compact sedan that wears the reconstituted Dodge Dart badge.

The fact that both Chrysler/Dodge and Alfa Romeo are controlled by the vast Italy-based Fiat automotive group has everything to do with the new Dart's creation. Although the Dart and Giulietta share the same basic platform, the Dodge version is enlarged, gets its own sheetmetal (Giulietta is hatchback, after all) and interior.

The engine selection is straight from Fiat. The Dart is also being built at a Chrysler assembly plant in Illinois with mid-2012 slated for the official coming-out party.

Despite its Italian origins, the Dart looks like a full-fledged member of the Dodge family as the signature crosshair grille is framed by a mouth-agape grille.

The Dart's bold statement will be important since Chrysler hasn't had a compact sedan in play since the Neon back in 2005. Meanwhile, virtually every mainstream automaker has continued to offer trunk-lidded compacts, earning plenty of currency — both in dollars and brand awareness — in the process.

That might explain why the Dart moniker has been returned from the 1960s and '70s, when it was applied to a series of two- and four-door compact models.

The Dart name will probably resonate with older customers — who will either love or hate the idea of bringing it back — although many younger car buyers will likely miss the connection completely.

The black grille surround is exclusive to the R/T model. This is the elegant Limited trim with the optional 1.4-litre turbocharged engine out of the Fiat 500 Abarth.

The otherwise clean interior might be a bit overdone with the glowing dash piping. The gauge layout is innovative, though.

By comparison

1 Chevrolet Cruze
Base price: $17,000

2 Hyundai Elantra
Base price: $17,500

3 Toyota Corolla
Base price: $17,000

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

A sobering thought

We all know that drinking and driving is a major no-no and should never be attempted under any circumstance. To ensure you, your friends and/or family members are well below the legal limit before getting behind the wheel, get the Safedrive deluxe Personal Alcohol Detector. This handy breathalyzer is portable enough to keep in your pocket or purse. It uses gas-sensor technology to estimate percentage of alcohol in the blood, by volume, up to 0.12 (well over the limit in most jurisdictions). Once a breath sample has been collected from blowing into an attached mouth vent, a reading is then displayed. After each use, the unit recalibrates itself, which eliminates the problem of false readings. The Breathalyzer retails for about $25 US and can be purchased from alcohol-test.net.

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The first time a Fiat 500 got the Abarth treatment was back in 1958. At that time, Abarth was an independent tuning company, and not part of Fiat as it is now, and Gina Lollobregida was hard to ignore on the silver screen.

Back then Abarth took Fiat's just-introduced, rear-engined mini-car, and recreated it as the Abarth 595 by raising the compression ratio on the 479 cc engine, fitting a Weber carburetor, optimizing fuel and intake systems, and adding a full Abarth exhaust system.

This doubled horsepower from 13 to 26!

The Abarth 595 evolved into Abarth 695, and the spunky, little Fiats went on to claim 900 individual race victories by 1965.

Fiat's newest take on the "small but wicked" theme is the new 2012 Fiat 500 Abarth. Its turbocharged, 1.4-litre "MultiAir" engine is not quite double the output of Fiat 500's base engine (101 hp/98 lb-ft of torque), but a pretty decent upgrade. How about 160 horses and 170 torques?

Of course, the over-achieving Fiat has more than just power to offer. The car has been lowered, big-wheeled, big-braked, stiffened and outfitted with quicker steering and better suspension. It also belts out a gnarly wail, via its Abarth-tuned dual-exhaust system.

The highlight of the interior makeover is the leather, flat-bottom steering wheel — one of the nicest I've ever fondled.

At the car's recent press launch in Nevada, Fiat had no qualms about letting journalists thrash them about the Spring Mountain Racing Facility. The Abarth took to the track like a C-list celebrity to a reality TV series, and it wasn't nearly as temperamental. In fact, it's a very forgiving, and easy, car to drive quickly, making it ideal for anyone contemplating a first-ever track-day car, which you could also use every day as a cool, fuel-efficient streetcar. Prices start at $23,995, and each one comes standard with a track-day experience.

The Fiat 500 has been optimized as a space-efficient city car. Translation: its bulbous body, 64/36 front/rear weight distribution, and front-wheel drive, are not optimized for racy car activities. But that the racy transformation was done, anyways, is just another one of the charms of this engaging, hot-headed Italian.

If you want one, don't drag your feet.

"We'll sell everyone we can get," says Ed Broadbear, VP of Marketing, Chrysler Canada. He half-jokingly added that he's got his fingers crossed that the Abarth flops in U.S., so more units can be diverted north. He's already heard from many Canadian customers who got it bad for Abarth and can't wait to get their hands on one. Its potential for future cult status has already been noted by Hagerty Insurance, who included the Fiat Abarth 500 on its current list of "Future Collector Cars Under $100,000."

The short list

Snooki. GETTY IMAGES

Small, Powerful, Italian

- Snooki
- Fiat 500 Abarth
- Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi
- Vespa GTS 300 Scooter
- Italian Espresso
- Formica Atomica (a.k.a. pro soccer player Sebastian Giovinco)
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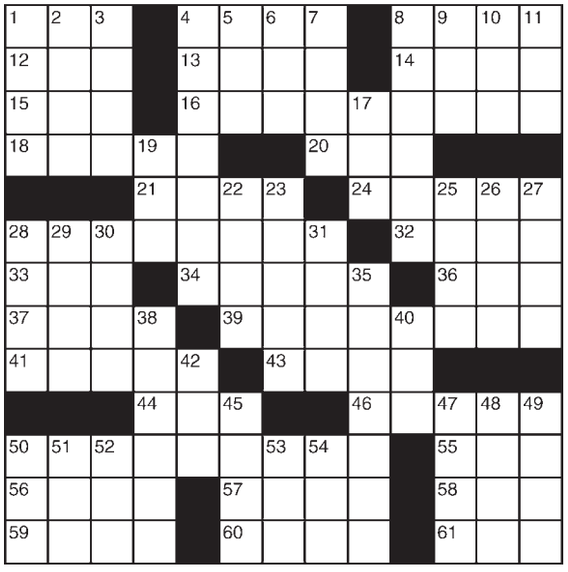

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7 Corp. higher-up
8 More agile
9 U.S. spy grp.
10 Last (Abbr.)
11 Sandra or Ruby
17 Deity
19 Floral neckwear
22 Cab
23 Con game
25 Imogene of old TV
26 Oodles
27 Ice sheet
28 Hostels
29 Harvest
30 Stir up
31 Hebrew month
35 Paint store choices
38 Half the audience?
40 JFK predecessor
42 Yank
45 Pharmacist's weight
47 Off in the distance
48 Pleasant
49 Start a garden
50 Rage
51 Witticism
52 Biz deg.
53 Shock and —
54 Won — soup

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Yesterday's answer

R	E	A	M		P	L	E	D		S	E	T		
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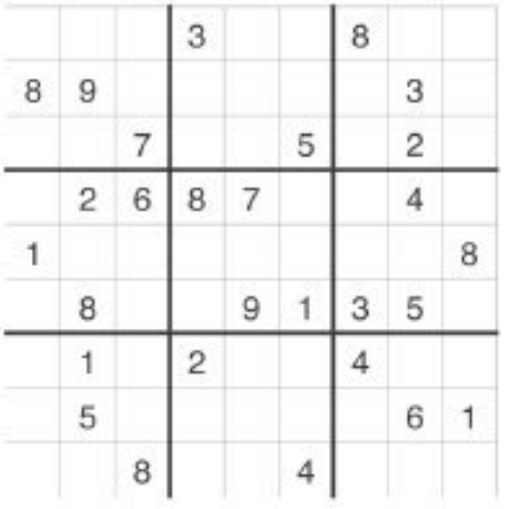
Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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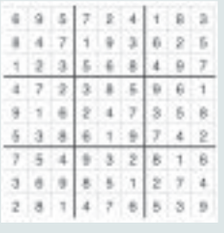

Send a kiss

- **Honey Bee.** We both have wings but yet the wind blows Different ways for us. Miss you so much but your sting hurts to much...Can't wait no more for the rose.. XOOX bye bye Honey Bee,your Angel always
- **Ross.** You know you're the best thing that's happened to me in this city. I would never wanna let you go, and I'll happily wait for the time when you express your love for me. P.S. You're an awesome cook. xoxoxo From Jellybean
- **My Husband.** I see you on here & you will get caught this time. I will not come bac.k why do you play with my heart take me for granted? forever forever what a joke you are. your wife
- **My Ladies.** I know u find me resistable but i just wanted u to know that i am still counting on the day u make me lemon loaf. Please yodel for me my lady From Lavergne
- **Confuse Anything.** my mind & body hasn't fully restored itself from last 2 weeks. I'm recovering...Pls be. From mm

Weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAX: 10° MIN: 3°	MAX: 10° MIN: -1°	MAX: 14° MIN: 1°

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Try not to get emotional today — and under no circumstances get emotional about money or material things.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. The planets indicate that if you focus your mind on positive things, negative will cease to exist.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You may suffer some kind of setback today but the thing to remember is that in the greater scheme of things, it is minor.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Wishful thinking seems to be a bit of a problem for you at the moment. Stop living in your head.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Don't rush into a new situation today. Take your time and get a feel for what it's about then make your play based on your instincts.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. If you have your doubts about something then you must speak up, even if you risk annoying people higher up the pecking order.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Do something irrational and outrageous, something that gets tongues wagging.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If a relationship has not been going well of late, now is the time to kiss and make up. Make it a sizzler.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Someone wants to repay you for a favour or several favours you did for them a while back.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Creatively and romantically, this is quite possibly one of the very best days of the year so far.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You won't be interested in work, but certain tasks still need to be finished. Do whatever it takes to get others to do things for you.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You know a good thing when you see one and what you are looking at now is as good as it gets.

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Sheila

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